



ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HCR2014: initiative; referendum; signatures; legislative districts

Sponsor: Representative Dunn, LD 13

Committee on Government & Elections

Overview

Amends the Constitution of Arizona to state that initiatives and referendums for statewide measures must receive a specified percentage of signatures from each legislative district.

History

In the Arizona Constitution, initiative and referendum power is a reserved power of the people. For initiative power, 10% of the qualified voters have the right to propose any measure and 15% have the right to propose an amendment to the Constitution. Under the referendum power, the Legislature or 5% of qualified electors may order the submission to the people at the polls of any measure, or item, section or part of any measure enacted by the Legislature, except laws immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety or for the support and maintenance of the departments of the State Government and State Institutions.

Every sheet containing petitioners' signatures is required to be attached to the measure proposed to be initiated or referred to the people. The names on the petition sheet must be signed in the presence of the affiant and in the belief of the affiant that each signer was a qualified elector of the state ([AZ Const. Art. IV, Part I, § 1](#)).

Provisions

1. Specifies that from each legislative district 10% of qualified electors are needed to propose any statewide measure.
2. States that from each legislative district 15% of the qualified electors have the right to propose any amendment to the Constitution.
3. Stipulates that for statewide measures, from each legislative district, 5% of the qualified electors may order the submission to the people at the polls any measure, or item, section or part of any measure enacted by the Legislature.
4. Specifies that the petition affiant must be in the belief that each signer for petitions of statewide measures is from the appropriate legislative district.
5. Requires the Secretary of State to submit this proposition to the voters at the next general election.
6. Makes technical changes.

☐ Prop 105 (45 votes)

☐ Prop 108 (40 votes)

☐ Emergency (40 votes)

☐ Fiscal Note